

The *Federal Magistrates Act of 1979*, as amended, provides that “a district court shall make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specific proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 200 (4th Cir.1983). However, “when objections to strictly legal issues are raised and no factual issues are challenged, *de novo* review of the record may be dispensed with.” Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Similarly, *de novo* review is not required by the statute “when a party makes general or conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate judge’s

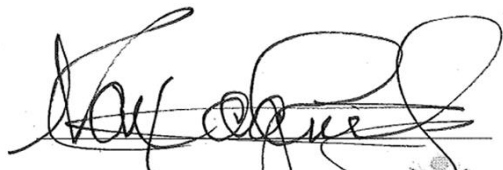
proposed findings and recommendations.” Id. Moreover, the statute does not on its face require any review at all of issues that are not the subject of an objection. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d at 200. Nonetheless, a district judge is responsible for the final determination and outcome of the case, and accordingly the court has conducted a careful review of the magistrate judge’s recommendation.

After such careful review, the court determines that the recommendation of the magistrate judge is fully consistent with and supported by current law. Further, the brief factual background and recitation of issues is supported by the applicable pleadings. Based on such determinations, the court will fully affirm the Memorandum and Recommendation and grant relief in accordance therewith.¹

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Memorandum and Recommendation (#21) is **AFFIRMED**, plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment (#14) is **DENIED**, defendant’s Motion for Summary Judgment (#19) is **GRANTED**, the final decision of the Commissioner is **AFFIRMED**, and this action is dismissed.

Signed: October 30, 2013



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge

¹ At page eight of the M&R, Judge Howell states “this Court recently imposed monetary sanctions against another attorney” While the court is aware that other judges of this court have in their discretion imposed monetary sanctions against lawyers based on briefs filed in Social Security cases, to be clear, the undersigned has imposed no monetary sanctions against any attorney.